



## Allen Daniel Smith

February 21, 1948 - September 27, 2017

Allen Daniel Smith, passed away September 27, 2017. Born February 21, 1948 in Cleveland, Ohio, at Booth Memorial Hospital to Donald D. Smith & Edna Mae (Jackson); Wife, Mary Jo (Bordonaro); Children: Damon N (Jesse Faciana), Morgan L (Adrienne Grady), Russell W. Curtis; Grandchildren: Maisie, Nellie, Evie, Betsy, Austen and Jamie; Siblings: Donna D. (Zuro), David, Dennis D. (Kay Fagan), Daniel D. (Ellen), Deanna D. (Baker), Ken; And many nieces and nephews. Attended Euclid High School where he captained the tennis team to the city championship, 1966, Otterbein College, then entered the U.S. Army in August, 1968. Basic training at Fort Hood, KY; AIT at Fort Polk, LA; 1969 was sent to Vietnam as a machine gunner with the 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne.

Attended and graduated from Cleveland State University with a B.A. in English Literature. Life experiences: spent much time growing up with his grandparents living at Euclid Beach Amusement Park and traveling throughout the Midwest with his grandfather to race his midget race car. Travels included: dancing with headhunters in Borneo; experiencing martial law in Beijing with his sons; standing amid 100,000 penguins in the midnight sun of the Antarctica; snorkeling in the Galapagos Island with the giant tortoises and hammerhead sharks; climbing some of the tallest mountains in North America in Mexico; spending almost 3 months in the Grand Canyon, including twice descending the entire length of the Colorado River; racing

various cars at Daytona Speedway, Sebring and Road America; and catching a 140 lb. halibut.

Allen traveled around the world to China and the Soviet Union on a People to People Goodwill Mission, stood between the paws of the Sphinx, meditated in the pit of the Great Pyramid and walked in the footprints of Jesus in Israel and Egypt. Travels included all but two of the United States at least twice and an excess of sixty countries around the world. World experiences included owning and operating Damon Morgan Corporation, McDonald restaurants that have been located in Lake, Geauga & Ashtabula counties; served as Secretary, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Northeast Ohio McDonald's Owner/Operator Association; was Chairman of the Ronald McDonald House Charities for many years and then was honored by being named Chairman Emeritus. Allen received the Golden Arch Award which is McDonald's Lifetime Achievement Award given to less than 1% of owners. Allen served on many boards including: Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, Lake County Indian Museum, Lake County Society for Rehabilitation, Grand River Partners, Salvation Army of Ashtabula County (Chairman), Cleveland State University Visiting Committee, Cleveland Museum of Natural History Natural Areas and the Association for Research and Enlightenment (Virginia Beach, VA). It was through his love and appreciation of nature that Allen met the love of his life through the Grand River Partners. Together they compressed so many life experiences into the years they shared. Whether it was helicoptering over the Grand Canyon or Alaskan Glaciers, or dealing with far too many health issues. Allen was so very thankful to be with the woman he chose to be his partner for life. She also brought life into their house in the form of their dogs, Marley and Willow, who Allen learned to care for and love dearly.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 pm and 5-7 pm Saturday October 7, 2017 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH.

A Military Honors Service will be held outdoors at 11:45 am Sunday October 8, 2017 at LaMalfa Center, 5783 Heisley Rd, Mentor, OH 44060, followed by a Celebration of Life Service and luncheon in the LaMalfa chapel.

Send flowers and offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com). In Allen's memory contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, 10415 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Military Honors Service

OCT 8. 11:45 AM (ET)

LaMalfa Party Center  
5783 Heisley Rd  
Mentor, OH 44060

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ann Newman - October 08, 2017 at 08:41 AM

GC

“ Guy A Cecchini lit a candle in memory of Allen Daniel Smith



Guy A Cecchini - October 07, 2017 at 11:12 AM

CS

“ Conneaut I-90 Store purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.



Conneaut I-90 Store - October 06, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.



October 06, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



October 05, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *The Keppler Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



**The Keppler Family** - October 05, 2017 at 07:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



October 05, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



October 05, 2017 at 04:39 PM

TS

“ *The Madison Store purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



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**The Madison Store** - October 05, 2017 at 12:07 PM

J#

“ *Julie Rieder and team at Geneva #7131 purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



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**Julie Rieder and team at Geneva #7131** - October 05, 2017 at 10:45 AM

AA

“ *Andy and Wendy Anderson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



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**Andy and Wendy Anderson** - October 04, 2017 at 09:33 AM

AB

“ *My deepest condolences to the Smith family, I worked for McDonalds for ten years and he was always smiling and had pleasant comments about all of us.-Amanda Burnett*



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**Amanda Burnett** - October 03, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.



October 03, 2017 at 04:27 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.



October 03, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.



October 03, 2017 at 10:43 AM



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**Jesse Faciana** - October 03, 2017 at 09:35 AM

AN

“ I always called Allen “Arn Sacknunsen”, the Jules Verne’s character from the Journey Through the Center of Earth, the reason is that I hardly met someone so adventurous and interesting in my life... I have been watching the PBS documentary on Vietnam War and I kept remembering his stories on his service at that war... I feel saddened and shock with his untimely death... the world loses an elegant and interesting character...



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**atila noronha** - October 02, 2017 at 10:27 PM

BC

“ I only met Allen for 2 days but was so impressed with the nature of this man. I read his obituary in awe but not the least surprised after having met him in person.

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**Betty Cronin** - October 02, 2017 at 06:57 PM

AN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Ann Newman** - October 02, 2017 at 02:52 PM

LH

“ *Lea Heidman lit a candle in memory of Allen Daniel Smith*



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**Lea Heidman** - October 02, 2017 at 02:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



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October 02, 2017 at 02:33 PM

MH

“ *Meloney & Craig Herrick purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



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**Meloney & Craig Herrick** - October 02, 2017 at 01:40 PM

KW

“ *Katrina West purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



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**Katrina West** - October 02, 2017 at 12:39 PM

TR

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**Tony Rattini** - October 02, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Allen Daniel Smith*.



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October 02, 2017 at 11:12 AM

TC

“ I started working for Allen at 15. I was promoted to a manager while still in high school. I was working a Saturday night when the the off duty police officer working our security decided to feed all his friends. He came behind the counter and loaded up 3 trays of food. I asked him how he wanted to pay for the food and he said he wasn't going to pay for the food. I told him we couldn't give that much food away for free and he just laughed. I proceeded to clock him out and tell him he could leave we wouldn't need his services. I received a phone call from Allen the following Monday asking me what happened. I explained what happened that I asked him to pay for the food and he laughed so I sent him home. Allen thanked me for doing the right thing and said he would pay any traffic tickets I received as a result. Thank goodness there were no tickets. This began my 36 year career with McDonald's 8 years with Allen and 28 years with McDonald's Corporation. I am forever grateful to have known Allen and begin my career with Damon Morgan Corporation. Allen always treated me with respect and he was a very generous man who took great pride in improving the lives of those who worked with him. He not only instilled high work standards but taught me to be proud of the part I took in building his company. I will forever be proud of the part Allen played in my McDonald's career. There was not a time I'd see him at McDonald's function that he didn't stop and catch up. RIP Allen D. Smith you had a profound impact on many lives and will be missed.

Tim Cox

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Tim Cox - October 02, 2017 at 11:02 AM

TP

“ *The Cincinnati Coop, Leigh Jones, President purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



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**The Cincinnati Coop, Leigh Jones, President** - October 02, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Daniel Smith.*



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October 02, 2017 at 09:11 AM

DS

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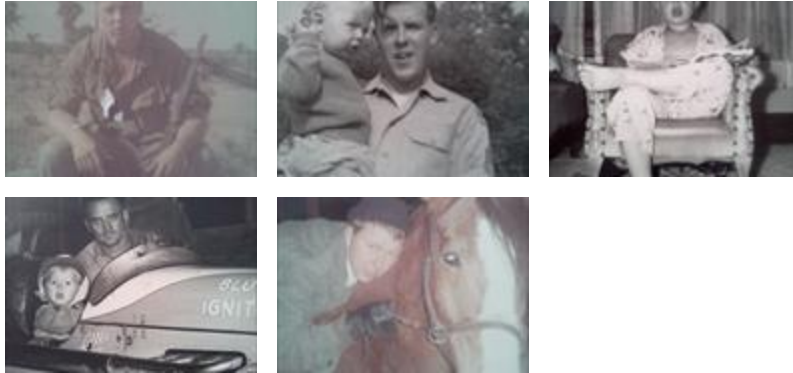


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**Damon Smith** - October 01, 2017 at 04:29 PM

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**Damon Smith** - October 01, 2017 at 12:22 PM

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**Tony Rattini** - October 01, 2017 at 11:42 AM

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**Tony Rattini** - October 01, 2017 at 11:30 AM

TR

“ As you read all the things Allen did in his short life you need to understand he was a great friend and when you were with him he made you feel that you were the most important person in the room. I miss you Allen.

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**Tony Rattini** - September 30, 2017 at 07:15 PM

TR

“ Painting the outside of Allen's house in Gates Mills with about 30 of our friends. The barn red paint and beer was flowing. I only got a drop of red paint on my back. Thanks Erik!

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**Tony Rattini** - September 30, 2017 at 07:10 PM

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“ Going to the Indy 500 in 1968 with Allen and his family

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**Tony Rattini** - September 30, 2017 at 07:05 PM

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“ Playing basketball in the winter outside in the snow with the guys.

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**Tony Rattini** - September 30, 2017 at 07:03 PM